MAT-8439US PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No:

To Be Assigned

Applicant:

Yoshito Nakanishi et al.

Filed:

July 22, 2003

Title:

SWITCH

TC/A.U.:

Examiner:

Docket No.:

MAT-8439US

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

MAT-8439US PATENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the abovereferenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

RatnerPreștia

Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515 Daniel N. Calder, Reg. No. 27,424 Attorneys for Applicants

Kathleen Lib

Danil N. Caeder

DNC/kc

Enclosures: PTO Form 1449

(2) References

Dated: July 22, 2003

P.O. Box 980

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980

(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees/credit any overpayment of fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. **18-0350**.

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number: Date of Deposit:

EV 331707485 US July 22, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, "

K_I:\MAT\8439US\IDS_01.DOC

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substituta	for Form	1440/DTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 1 of 1

	Complete if	Known		
Application Number	To Be Asigned		· · _	
Filing Date	July 22, 2003			
First Named Inventor	Yoshito Nakanishi			
Art Unit			- , -	•
Examiner Name	·			
Attorney Docket No.	MAT-8439US			

			U.S. PATENT D	OCUMENTS			
Examiner Cite Initials* No.		Document Number Number - Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}	Issue Date/ Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		US-6,307,452 B1	10/23/01	Sun	Entire Document		
	<u> </u>	US-6,218,911 B1	04/17/01	Kong et al.	Entire Document		
1		US-					
CS 111 C.		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		ŲS-					
*	. ,	US-	4.				
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-	1 · 1.				
		US-		,	DE		
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
L		US-					

Examiner	Cito	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Initials*	Cite No.1	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ^{5 (If known)}	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
1.5					76	
					,	
				,		
			*	(3)		
1				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

1for Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

5Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

6Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO:** Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2:

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).